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Dear Ms. Ngo,

Please find attached revised claims overcoming your rejections in view of Rabska and others. Three claims remain.

Claim 1 is expanded by merger with dependent claims 2 and 5
Dependent Claim 2 is merged into Claim 1
Dependent Claim 5 is merged into Claim 1
Dependent Claim 3 is merged into dependent Claim 2
Dependent Claim 4 is merged into dependent Claim 2
Dependent Claim 7 is merged into dependent Claim 2
Dependent Claim 8 is reworded and renumbered to dependent Claim 3.
Claim 6 is dropped
Claim 9 is dropped.

Sincerely,



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Revised claims for Application 10/605/969

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[c1] A backpack for a human to carry a load comprising:

- a) an external frame comprised of two vertical elements and two or more horizontal elements attached between said vertical elements where the four corners of said frame in the posterior view forms a trapezoid with the top dimension being shorter than the bottom dimension;
- b) a shelf attached to said external frame extending more or less perpendicular from the plane of said frame and located near the lower end of said frame in a manner that causes said frame to stand up on a horizontal surface with no additional support;
- c) two shoulder straps with one end of said shoulder strap attached to the topmost of said horizontal elements and the other end of said shoulder straps attached to the lowermost of said horizontal elements;
- d) a fabric bag attached to said external frame wherein said fabric bag is comprised of two or more compartments wherein each said compartment includes no fabric panel that is a structural component of another said compartment and said fabric bag is attached to said vertical elements in a manner that allows said compartments to independently and freely move up or down said vertical elements and said compartments can be independently attached to and removed from said external frame where the lowermost said compartment rests on said shelf and each additional said compartment rests on the said compartment below.

[c2] A backpack of Claim 1 with a waist belt attached to the lowermost said horizontal element of said external frame wherein one end of said waist belt provides a loop fixture and the other end of said waist belt provides a webbing strap attached by sewing where the loose end of said strap passes through said loop fixture and said loose end folds back upon itself and passes over the sewn end of said strap and binds to said waist belt with a hook-and-loop fastener.

[c3] A backpack of Claim 2 wherein extensions of said vertical elements rise above the top of the uppermost said horizontal element and said extensions are free of encumbrance by said bag; said backpack engaging a frontpack hung by straps around said extensions where said frontpack also attaches to said waist belt in a manner such that said waist belt bears a portion of the weight of said frontpack.

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